



SOUTHERN GROUP OF STATE FORESTERS

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Columbia, SC

June 7 - 11, 2008

“The Future of the Southern Forestry Agency”

FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Saturday (June 7)

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Optional Kayak/Canoe trip on the Saluda River in Columbia.
Airport transportation provided to the Hilton for those requesting.
- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration desk open in the Hilton Hotel lobby.
Attendees are on their own for all meals, but this is a good evening to check out the restaurants in the VISTA.
- 5:00 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite in the Hilton Hotel open. (Room 808)

Sunday (June 8)

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Registration desk open in the Convention Center.
- 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome Luncheon (Ballroom C of Convention Center).
Welcome to Columbia –Mayor Bob Coble
Governor Sanford's Policy Advisor – Justin Evans
SC From the Mountains to the Sea – Rudy Mancke
Southern Group's Mission and Opportunities – Pete Roussopoulos
- 1:30 – 3:15 p.m. Introduction of Tim Mersmann, prepare issues for discussion with State Forester Liaison.
 1. SEAFWA and SGSF MOU/Charter
 2. NRCS Relationship Building – Sub Regional Meetings
 3. RIC/Redesign Proposals – PreparationMeet with State Forester Liaison.
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Break with Exhibitors.
- 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Federal Grant Templates – George Hernandez.
Web Based GIS and Harvest Scheduling (SCFC) - Scott Phillips.

- 6:00 p.m. Transportation provided for all Guests. Depart for Sunday Social at the South Carolina State Museum. Attire is casual, bring your shagging shoes.
- 9:00 p.m. Transportation provided back to the hotel.
- 9:00 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Monday (June 9)

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
- 7:30 a.m. Registration desk open in Convention Center.
- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. *Alternative Funding Sources for Southern Forestry Agencies*– joint meeting of all committees to examine and discuss private and corporate funding.
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Break with Exhibitors.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Continue *Alternative Funding Sources for Southern Forestry Agencies*.
- 11:00 – 12:00 noon *Alternative Funding*...Develop cross sectional, cross themed competitive grant proposals.
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Partners Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center).
Speaker, Southern Forest Futures Project.
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. American Tree Farm Certification and Recognized Forest Stewards Roundtable Discussion with Bob Simpson and Karl DallaRosa.
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Break with Exhibitors.
- 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. Federal Reporting – WebDet, WinDet and SAP Website Posting of State Maps – Karl DallaRosa.
Southern Regional Cooperative Extension Service – Dr. Bill Hubbard and Forest Management Chief Joint Discussion.
Tree Improvement Cooperative Update and Discussion – Tom Byram.
- 6:00 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby to leave for dinner at Harbison State Forest (sponsored by James W. Sewall Company).
- 5:00 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Tuesday (June 10)

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Information desk open.
8:00 – 9:45 a.m.	NRCS MOU (National and State Level) Development and Leadership Committee Update and Discussion – Andy Mason. Southern Futures Project Update – John Greis.
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
10:15 – 12 noon	State and Private Forestry Redesign Update – Jan Davis.
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center). SGSF 2007-08 Accomplishments.
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	State Forest Assessment (Texas Update) – Tom Boggus. SFLA Rollout Discussion – Communications Group.
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with Exhibitors.
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	SFLA Discussion (cont.) Farm Bill Update – Mike Countess. Carbon Markets, Ecosystem Services and Update on the SUM Task Force – Josh Love.
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Social (Convention Center in hallway).
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet (Ballroom C of Convention Center). Attire is dressy.
9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open. (Room 808)

Wednesday (June 11)

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
7:30 a.m.	Information desk open.
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Committee Presentations to State Foresters (Joint Meeting in Congaree Room)
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break.
10:30 – 12:00 noon	Resume Committee Presentations to State Foresters. Other Business. Adjourn. Lunch on your own.
8:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Airport Transportation provided for those requesting.

* If you prefer a hot breakfast buffet, one is available for an additional \$4.